

August 2004
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

The month of August showed a significant increase of 20.9% in overall activity produced by Central Command personnel when compared to July. Despite these efforts, traffic crashes also increased by 18.6% with commercial vehicle crashes continuing to be a major concern with 23.1% of the total crashes involving a commercial vehicle.

Central Command personnel handled 121 total crashes during August compared to 102 in July. Crashes involving fatalities remained at 6 for a 0% change when compared to the previous month. The most notable increase occurred in property damage crashes of 37.5% or 21 more property damage crashes were handled in August when compared to July. Again, commercial vehicle crashes increased slightly by 3.7% to 28 crashes with 13 caused by the driver of the commercial vehicle.

As previously stated, total enforcement activity for the Command increased by 20.9% when compared to July. Increases were shown in all activity categories with the most notable being in the DUI Arrest prior to Crash Category (17.6%), Other Arrest Category (25.3%) and the Speed Violation Category (28.5%). The Commercial Enforcement Section also showed increases in every category except one (Total Trucks Weighed) when compared to July. The most notable increases occurred in the Hazardous Moving Violation Category (193.3%), Other Traffic Violations Category (114.3%), Total Safety Violation Category (71.4%) and Total Vehicles placed "Out of Service" Category (87.5%).

Central Command personnel have continued to work hard and their efforts are shown in the significant increase in activity this past month. The Command continues to see positive results and personnel are applauded for their efforts.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August-04		August-03	% Change		July-04	% Change
Total Crashes	121		127	-4.7%		102	18.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	77		65	18.5%		56	37.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	38		53	-28.3%		40	-5.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		9	-33.3%		6	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		7	-71.4%		5	-60.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		10	-40.0%		6	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		4	-50.0%		0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		3	-300.0%		4	-400.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	3		1	200.0%		0	300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	28		22	27.3%		27	3.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	25		13	92.3%		22	13.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		6	-50.0%		5	-40.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		3	-300.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 5.0%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.1%

☀ Total crashes increased by 19 or 18.6%.

- The bulk of the increase was in property damage crashes.
- Six persons were killed in 6 fatal crashes, three of which were motorcycles.
- Alcohol related crashes declined by 60%
- The average BAC was 0.16.

☀ Commercial vehicle involved crashes remained relatively constant.

- Of the 28 commercial crashes, half were on the Interstate and half on secondary highways.
- Of the 16 that were “driver error,” 13 were caused by the driver of the commercial motor vehicle.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

	August-04		August-03	% Change		July-04	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		7	-71.4%		5	-60.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	20		19	5.3%		17	17.6%
Other Arrests	94		106	-11.3%		75	25.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	52		51	2.0%		41	26.8%
Speed violations	1649		1990	-17.1%		1283	28.5%
Hazardous moving violations	207		210	-1.4%		188	10.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	230		239	-3.8%		213	8.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	2739		3106	-11.8%		2266	20.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	44		38	15.8%		15	193.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	15		7	114.3%		7	114.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	655		689	-4.9%		448	46.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	144		180	-20.0%		84	71.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1182		1375	-14.0%		753	57.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	60		45	33.3%		32	87.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	30		34	-11.8%		24	25.0%
Total school buses inspected	1		1	0.0%		78	-98.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		26	-2600.0%
Total trucks weighed	344		352	-2.3%		1300	-73.5%
Total overweight citations	4		15	-73.3%		0	400.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	639		636	0.5%		434	47.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

☀ Overall enforcement activity increased by 20.9%. Increases were in all categories.

● DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 17.6% with the average BAC of 0.14.

● Lost work hours declined by over 22% mostly due to fewer training hours.

☀ Inspections of commercial vehicles increased by over 46%.

● The increase in inspections resulted in corresponding increases in violations discovered, citations issued as well as drivers and vehicles placed "out of service."

● Dyed fuel inspections increased. Directed enforcement on secondary highways of 120 hours resulted in 160 vehicles checked.

● Vehicles weighed declined, but in July personnel worked with NDOT and the Weigh-in-Motion program which nets a large number of vehicles weighed.

STAFFING AND WORK HOURS

STAFFING	Total Authorized positions		Current positions staffed		Vacancy Rate	
	August-04	August-03	Administrative Assignment	Field Operations	Positions Vacant	Vacancy Rate Percentage
Traffic [Tpr. & Sgt.]	70	66	11	56	3.0	4.3%
Commercial [Tpr. & Sgt.]	16	16	0	13	3.0	18.8%
Commercial CVSI	2	2	0	2	0.0	0.0%

- ☀ With recent Academy graduations and the staffing of a new Academy, there is only a 7% vacancy rate withing the Central Command. Six persons recently graduated an Academy while 8 started a new one.
- ☀ Overtime increased by almost 9% which was caused by an increase in Contract Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- ☀ The Command has completed 77% of the required recertification training for the calendar year.
- ☀ Court / Warrants
 - 87 warrants were entered
 - 152 warrants were cleared
 - 1252 warrants were validated
- ☀ Front Office
 - 3709 citations entered, 1847 on 37.5 hours of overtime 949 per hour of overtime).
 - 42 arrest reports processed.
 - 99 accident reports processed.
- ☀ Evidence Vault
 - 97 new items processed.
 - 6 items disposed of.
 - 77.3% of the new items were generated by NDI.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

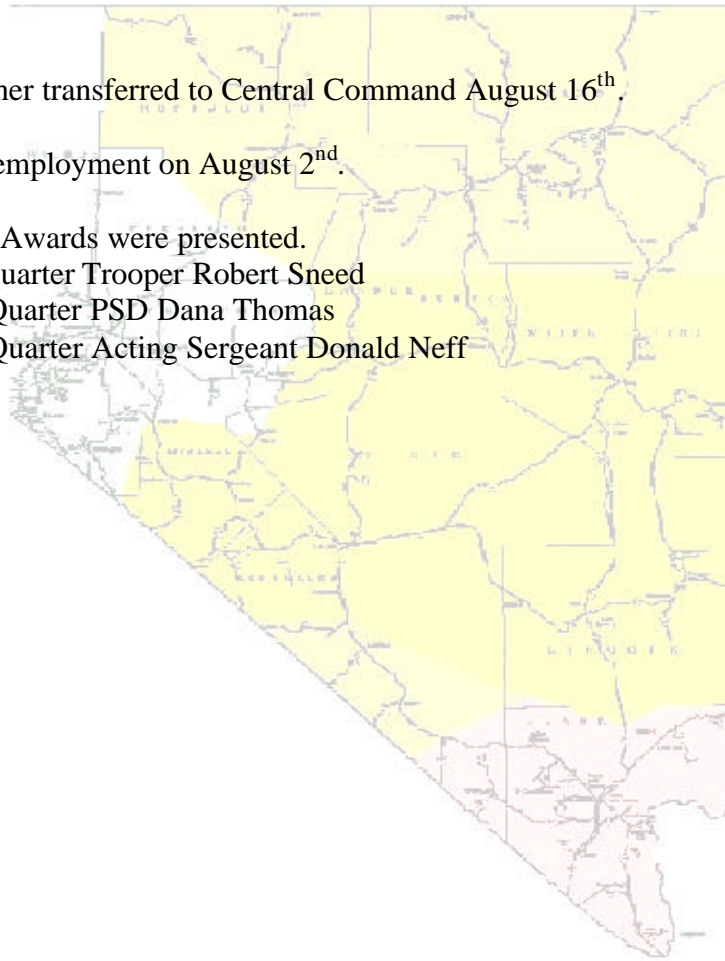
- ☀ A child passenger safety class was taught to 15 students at Mountain View Elementary School.
- ☀ A child passenger safety offender's class was held in Elko under the new requirement for the training. Five persons attended.
- ☀ Sixteen child seat installation appointments were held during the month.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

- ☀ Cad incidents 8,584.
- ☀ Warrant confirmations {CTA} 121.
- ☀ Radio transmissions 75,222

PERSONNEL

- ☀ PSD V Proutsos-Turner transferred to Central Command August 16th.
- ☀ PSD I Cortez began employment on August 2nd.
- ☀ Command Quarterly Awards were presented.
 - Employee of the Quarter Trooper Robert Sneed
 - Dispatcher of the Quarter PSD Dana Thomas
 - Supervisor of the Quarter Acting Sergeant Donald Neff



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